Writing

PROFICIENCY LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

Pre-Emergent

The student identified at this level has no ability or limited ability to write in English.

Emergent

The student identified at this level has a limited ability to write in English. The student writes phrases and short simple sentences with limited use of writing conventions.

Basic

The student identified at this level is able to demonstrate control over simple sentence structures. He/she independently produces a paragraph using English writing conventions. Errors may impede communication.

Low Intermediate

The student identified at this level is able to write formulaic essays that have simple organization. The student uses common word choices, repetitive sentence patterns, and English writing conventions. He/she attempts to use sentence variety. Errors may impede communication.

High Intermediate

The student identified at this level is able to write organized essays. The student uses varied vocabulary, repetitive sentence patterns, and English writing conventions. He/she uses sentence variety. Occasional errors in English conventions may occur, but does not impede communication.

	Standard:	The student will exp	ress his or her think	king and ideas in a v	ariety of writing genr	es.
		Pre- Emergent	Emergent	Basic	Low Intermediate	High Intermediate
	The studen	t will express his or	her thinking and ide	eas by using a varie	ty of writing genres, a	as demonstrated by:
ications	Narrative	PE-1: writing a sentence containing personal information with support.	E-1: writing 2-3 sentences based on real and imagined events. B-1: writing a narrative paragraph based on real and imagined events that includes characters, plot, and setting.		LI-1: writing a narrative based on real and imagined events that includes characters, dialogue, plot, and setting.	HI-1: writing a narrative based on real and imagined events that includes characters, dialogue, plot, and setting.
Writing Applications	Narra	PE-2: writing a poem with support.	E-2: writing a poem using rhyme patterns and figurative language (simile) with support.	B-2: writing a poem using rhyme patterns, figurative language (simile and metaphor), and rhythm.	LI-2: writing a poem using rhyme patterns, figurative language (simile and metaphor), theme, imagery, and rhythm.	HI-2: writing a poem using rhyme patterns, figurative language (simile and metaphor), theme, imagery, and rhythm.
	Expository	PE-3: writing a sentence based on facts or experience with support.	E-3: writing 2-3 sentences based on facts or experience.	B-3: writing an expository paragraph that includes a topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion.	LI-3: writing an expository essay that includes an introduction with a thesis, body paragraphs with supporting details, and a conclusion.	HI-3: writing an expository essay that includes an introduction with a thesis, body paragraphs with supporting details, and a conclusion.

	The studen	t will express his or	her thinking and ide	as by using a varie	ty of writing genres, a	as demonstrated by:
Writing Applications	Literary Response	PE-4: N/A	E-4: N/A	B-4: N/A	LI-4: N/A	HI-4: writing a response to a literary selection that demonstrates an understanding of a literary element (i.e., theme, character changes, plot development, importance of setting to the selection).
		PE-5: N/A	E-5: writing a process document that includes multiple step instructions with support.	B-5: writing a process document that includes multiple step instructions.	LI-5: writing a process document that includes multiple step instructions with headings.	HI-5: writing a process document that includes multiple step instructions with heading and sub headings.
	Functional	PE-6: N/A	E-6: writing a business document (letter and envelope) in a conventional format with support.	B-6: writing a business document (letter and envelope) in a conventional format.	LI-6: writing a business document (i.e., letter, email, memo, and envelope) in a conventional format.	HI-6: writing a business document (i.e., letter, email, memo, and envelope) in a conventional format.
		PE-7: N/A	E-7: N/A	B-7: N/A	LI-7: completing a business/service form (i.e., job application, college application, etc.)	HI-7: completing a business/service form (i.e., job application, college application, etc.)

	The studen	The student will express his or her thinking and ideas by using a variety of writing genres, as demonstrated by:							
Writing Applications	Persuasive	PE-8: N/A	E-8: writing a 2-3 sentence response that states a position/claim and supports the argument.	B-8: writing a persuasive paragraph that states a position/claim and supports arguments with evidence.	LI-8: writing a persuasive essay that states a position/claim and supports arguments with evidence.	HI-8: writing a persuasive essay that states a position/claim, supports arguments with evidence, and acknowledges and refutes opposing arguments.			

	Standa	ard: The student will i	dentify and apply con	ventions of standard I	English in his or her cor	mmunications.
		Pre-Emergent	Emergent	Basic	Low Intermediate	High Intermediate
	The st	udent will identify and	apply conventions of	standard English in h	is or her written commu	unications by:
Standard English Conventions	Capitalization	PE-1: using capitalization at the beginning of sentences, the pronoun "I," and proper nouns.	E-1: using capitalization at the beginning of sentences, proper nouns, the pronoun "I," and proper adjectives.	B-1: using capitalization at the beginning of sentences, proper nouns, the pronoun "I," proper adjectives, titles, and abbreviations.	LI-1: using capitalization at the beginning of sentences, proper nouns, the pronoun "I," proper adjectives, titles, and abbreviations.	HI-1: using capitalization at the beginning of sentences, proper nouns, the pronoun "I," proper adjectives, titles, and abbreviations.
	Punctuation	PE-2: using a period at the end of a sentence.	E-2: using periods and question marks at the end of sentences.	B-2: periods, question marks, and exclamation points at the end of sentences.	LI-2: using appropriate end punctuation.	HI-2: using appropriate end punctuation.

English Conventions unctuation	PE-3: using commas to punctuate items in a series and dates, with support. PE-4: N/A	E-3: using commas to punctuate items in a series and dates. E-4: N/A	B-3: using commas to punctuate items in a series, dates, greetings and closings of letters, direct address, introductory words, phrases, clauses, compound sentences, and appositives, with support. B-4: using quotation marks to punctuate dialogue, titles,	LI-3: using commas to punctuate items in a series, dates, greetings and closings of letters, direct address, introductory words, phrases, clauses, compound sentences, and appositives. LI-4: using quotation marks to punctuate dialogue, titles, and	HI-3: using commas to punctuate items in a series, dates, greetings and closings of letters, direct address, introductory words, phrases, clauses, compound sentences, and appositives. HI-4: using quotation marks to punctuate dialogue, titles, and exact words from sources.
Standard	PE-5: using colons to punctuate time.	E-5: using colons to punctuate time.	and exact words from sources, with support. B-5: using colons to punctuate time, salutations, and sentences introducing lists, with support.	exact words from sources. LI-5: using colons to punctuate time, salutations, and sentences introducing lists.	HI-5: using colons to punctuate time, salutations, and sentences introducing lists.

	The st	udent will identify and	apply conventions of	standard English in h	is or her written commu	unications by:
Conventions		PE-6: N/A	E-6: N/A	B-6: using semicolons to punctuate compound sentences, with support.	LI-6: using semicolons to punctuate compound and compound-complex sentences.	HI-6: using semicolons to punctuate compound and compound-complex sentences.
English	Punctuation	PE-7: identifying apostrophes to punctuate contractions and singular possessives.	E-7: using apostrophes to punctuate contractions and singular possessives.	B-7: using apostrophes to punctuate contractions, singular possessives, and plural possessives.	LI-7: using apostrophes to punctuate contractions, singular possessives, and plural possessives.	HI-7: using apostrophes to punctuate contractions, singular possessives, and plural possessives.
Standard		PE-8: N/A	E-8: N/A	B-8: using underlining/ italics or quotation marks to indicate titles, with support.	LI-8: using underlining/ italics or quotation marks to indicate titles.	HI-8: using underlining/ italics or quotation marks to indicate titles.
	Spelling	PE-9: spelling words correctly, with support.	E-9: spelling words correctly.	B-9: spelling words correctly.	LI-9: spelling words correctly.	HI-9: spelling words correctly.

	The st	udent will identify and	apply conventions of	standard English in h	is or her written commu	unications by:
sh Conventions	Format	PE-10: identifying paragraph breaks to indicate an organizational structure, with support.	E-10: using paragraph breaks to indicate an organizational structure.	B-10: using paragraph breaks to indicate an organizational structure.	LI-10: using transitions and paragraph breaks to indicate an organizational structure.	HI-10: using transitions and paragraph breaks to indicate an organizational structure.
	Penmanship	PE-11: writing legibly all upper and lower case letters and numerals.	E-11: writing legibly with spacing between words and consistent left-to-right orientation.	B-11: writing legibly in standard writing format.	LI-11: writing legibly in standard writing format.	HI-11: writing legibly in standard writing format.
Standard English	Grammar/Parts of Speech	PE-12: using verb tenses (simple present, simple past, simple future and present progressive tenses), with support.	E-12: using verb tenses (simple present, simple past, simple future and present progressive tenses).	B-12: using verb tenses (simple and progressive tenses) with support.	LI-12: using verb tenses (simple, progressive, and perfect tenses).	HI-12: using verb tenses (simple, progressive, and perfect tenses).
	Grar	PE-13: N/A	E-13: N/A	B-13: using conditionals (If, then).	LI-13: using conditionals	HI-13: using conditionals

	The st	udent will identify and	apply conventions of	standard English in h	is or her written commu	unications by:
d English Conventions	onstruction	PE-14: using subject-verb agreement in simple sentences (S-V, S-V-O), with support.	E-14: using subject-verb agreement in simple sentences (S-V, S-V-O, S-V-C).	E-14: using subject-verb agreement in simple and compound sentences(S-V, S-V-O, S-V-C).	LI-14: using subject-verb agreement in simple, compound, and complex sentences (S-V, S-V-O, S-V-C, S-V-IO-DO).	HI-14: using subject-verb agreement in simple, compound, complex, and compound- complex sentences.
	entence Cor	PE-15: using declarative sentences.	E-15: using declarative and interrogative sentences.	B-15: using declarative, interrogative, and exclamatory sentences.	LI-15: using declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative, sentences.	HI-15: using declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative, sentences.
Standard	Syntax/S	PE-16: using declarative sentence construction form.	E-16: using declarative, negative, and interrogative sentence construction forms.	B-16: using declarative, negative, and interrogative sentence construction forms.	LI-16: using declarative, negative, and interrogative sentence construction forms.	HI-16: using declarative, negative, and interrogative sentence construction forms.

	Standa	ard: Students use the	steps of the writing p	rocess as a writing pi	ece moves toward com	pletion.			
		Pre-Emergent	Emergent	Basic	Low Intermediate	High Intermediate			
	Students use the steps of the writing process as a writing piece moves toward completion as demonstrated by:								
Writing Process		PE-1: N/A	E-1: generating and organizing ideas before writing and maintain a record of ideas (i.e. brainstorming, listing, journaling, webbing, etc.) with support.	B-1: generating and organizing ideas before writing and maintain a record of ideas (i.e. brainstorming, listing, journaling, webbing, etc.) with support.	LI-1: generating and organizing ideas before writing and maintain a record of ideas (i.e. brainstorming, listing, journaling, webbing, etc.).	HI-1: generating and organizing ideas before writing and maintain a record of ideas (i.e. brainstorming, listing, journaling, webbing, etc.).			
	Prewriting	PE-2: N/A	E-2: using a variety of organizational strategies (i.e., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn diagram, web, story map, plot line, thinking maps, etc.) to plan writing, with support.	B-2: using a variety of organizational strategies (i.e., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn diagram, web, story map, plot line, thinking maps, etc.) to plan writing.	LI-2: using a variety of organizational strategies (i.e., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn diagram, web, story map, plot line, thinking maps, etc.) to plan writing.	HI-2: using a variety of organizational strategies (i.e., outline, chart, table, graph, Venn diagram, web, story map, plot line, thinking maps, etc.) to plan writing.			

	Studer	nts use the steps of th	e writing process as a	a writing piece moves	toward completion as o	demonstrated by:
	Prewriting	PE-3: N/A	E-3: N/A	B-3: determining the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to explain) with support.	LI-3: determining the purpose to entertain, to inform, and to explain (without support); to persuade (with support)	HI-3: determining the purpose (e.g., to entertain, to inform, to persuade, to explain).
Process		PE-4: N/A	E-4: N/A	B-4: determining the intended audience of a writing piece with support.	LI-4: determining the intended audience of a writing piece.	HI-4: determining the intended audience of a writing piece.
Writing	Drafting	PE-5: N/A	E-5: using a prewriting plan to develop the main idea(s) with supporting details (with support).	B-5: using a prewriting plan to develop the main idea(s) with supporting details.	LI-5: using a prewriting plan to develop the main idea(s) with supporting details.	HI-5: using a prewriting plan to develop the main idea(s) with supporting details.
		PE-6: writing a sentence with support.	E-6: sequencing ideas into a cohesive, meaningful order, with support.	B-6: sequencing ideas into a cohesive, meaningful order.	LI-6: sequencing ideas into a cohesive, meaningful order.	HI-6: sequencing ideas into a cohesive, meaningful order.

	Stude	nts use the steps of th	e writing process as a	a writing piece moves	toward completion as o	lemonstrated by:
	D	PE-7: N/A	E-7: revising the draft to clarify meaning and refine organization, with support.	B-7: revising the draft to clarify meaning and refine organization.	LI-7: revising the draft to clarify meaning and refine organization.	HI-7: revising the draft to clarify meaning and refine organization.
Process		PE-8: N/A	E-8: N/A	B-8: deleting irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft, with support.	LI-8: deleting irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft.	HI-8: deleting irrelevant and/or redundant information from the draft.
Writing P	Revising	PE-9: N/A	E-9: N/A	B-9: adding transitional words to the draft in order to clarify meaning, with support	LI-9: adding transitional words and phrases to the draft in order to clarify meaning.	HI-9: adding transitional words and phrases to the draft in order to clarify meaning.
		PE-11: N/A	E-11: N/A	B-11: using a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple and compound) to improve sentence fluency in the draft, with support.	LI-11: using a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound, complex) to improve sentence fluency in the draft.	HI-11: using a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound, complex) to improve sentence fluency in the draft.

	Studer	nts use the steps of th	e writing process as a	a writing piece moves	toward completion as o	demonstrated by:
	g	PE-12: N/A	E-12: N/A	B-12: applying appropriate tools and strategies (i.e., checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft, with support.	HI-12: applying appropriate tools and strategies (i.e., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.	HI-12: applying appropriate tools and strategies (i.e., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to refine the draft.
Writing Process	Revising	PE-13: N/A	E-13: N/A	B-13: using resources and reference materials (i.e., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language, with support.	LI-13: using resources and reference materials (i.e., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language.	HI-13: using resources and reference materials (i.e., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language.
	Editing	PE-14: identifying and correcting end punctuation errors with support.	E-14: identifying and correcting end punctuation errors.	B-14: identifying and correcting punctuation, spelling, and grammar errors in the draft, with support.	LI-14: identifying and correcting punctuation, spelling, and grammar errors in the draft.	HI-14: identifying and correct punctuation, spelling, and grammar errors in the draft.

	Stude	ents use the steps of the writing process as a writing piece moves toward completion as demonstrated by:					
Writing Process	Editing	PE-15: N/A	E-15: N/A	B-15: using resources (i.e., word lists, dictionary, spelling/ grammar checkers) to correct conventions, with support.	LI-15: using resources (i.e., word lists, dictionary, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.	HI-15: using resources (i.e., word lists, dictionary, spelling/grammar checkers) to correct conventions.	
		PE-16: N/A	E-16: N/A	B-16: applying proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions, with support.	LI-16: applying proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	HI-16: applying proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	
		PE-17: N/A	E-17: N/A	B-17: applying appropriate tools and strategies (i.e., checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.	LI-17: applying appropriate tools and strategies (i.e., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.	HI-17: applying appropriate tools and strategies (i.e., peer review, checklists, rubrics) to edit the draft.	

	Stude	ents use the steps of	the writing process	as a writing piece m	noves toward complet	tion as demonstrated by:
ting Process	Publishing	PE-18: N/A	E-18: N/A	B-18: preparing writing in a format (e.g., oral presentation, manuscript, multimedia) appropriate to audience and purpose, with support. * Technology (PowerPoint, Word, etc.)	LI-18: preparing writing in a format (e.g., oral presentation, manuscript, multimedia) appropriate to audience and purpose. * Technology (PowerPoint, Word, etc.)	HI-18: preparing writing in a format (e.g., oral presentation, manuscript, multimedia*) appropriate to audience and purpose. *Technology (PowerPoint, Word, etc.)
Writing	Planning	PE-19: N/A	E-19: N/A	B-19: using time- management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a final draft within a specified period of time, with support.	LI-19: using time- management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a final draft within a specified period of time.	HI-19: using time- management strategies, when appropriate, to produce a final draft within a specified period of time.

	Standard: The student will integrate elements of effective writing to develop engaging and focused text.					
	Pre-Emergent	Emergent	Basic	Low Intermediate	High Intermediate	
	The student will inte	grate elements of effe	ective writing to develo	pp engaging and focuse	ed text as demonstrated by:	
Writing Elements	PE-1: including an identifiable main idea in a shared writing activity.	E-1: including an identifiable main idea.	B-1: including an identifiable main idea/ topic sentence.	LI-1: including an identifiable main idea, topic sentence, and/or thesis statement.	HI-1: including an identifiable main idea, topic sentence, and/or thesis statement.	
	PE-2: N/A	E-2: providing reasons (primary supports) and examples (secondary supports) to support main idea.	B-2: providing reasons (primary supports) and examples (secondary supports) to support main idea/topic sentence.	LI-2: providing reasons (primary supports) and examples (secondary supports) to support main idea, topic sentence and/or thesis statement.	HI-2: providing reasons (primary supports) and examples (secondary supports) to support main idea/topic sentence and/or thesis statement.	
	PE-3: N/A	E-3: N/A	B-3: writing with an identifiable purpose for a specific audience.	LI-3: writing with an identifiable purpose for a specific audience.	HI-3: writing with an identifiable purpose for a specific audience.	

	The student will integrate elements of effective writing to develop engaging and focused text as demonstrated by:						
	PE-4: N/A	E-4: using structure appropriate for the type of writing (e.g., letter format, narrative, essay)	B-4: using structure appropriate for the type of writing (e.g., letter format, narrative, essay)	LI-4: using structure appropriate for the type of writing (e.g., letter format, narrative, essay)	HI-4: using structure appropriate for the type of writing (e.g., letter format, narrative, essay)		
S	PE-5: N/A	E-5: N/A	B-5: N/A	LI-5: using an introduction to draw in the reader.	HI-5: using an introduction to draw in the reader.		
Writing Elements	PE-6: using details to support the main idea in a shared writing activity.	E-6: using details to support the main idea.	B-6: using details to support the main idea/topic sentence.	LI-6: using details to support the main idea, topic sentence, and/or thesis statement.	HI-6: using details to support the main idea, topic sentence, and/or thesis statement.		
Writing	PE-7: N/A	E-7: using effective transitions among all the elements (sentences, paragraphs, and ideas).	B-7: using effective transitions among all the elements (sentences, paragraphs, and ideas).	LI-7: using effective transitions among all the elements (sentences, paragraphs, and ideas).	HI-7: using effective transitions among all the elements (sentences, paragraphs, and ideas).		
	PE-8: N/A	E-8: N/A	B-8: N/A	LI-8: using a variety of paragraph strategies (e.g., topical, chronological, cause and effect)	HI-8: using a variety of paragraph strategies (e.g., topical, chronological, cause and effect)		

	The student will inte	egrate elements of effe	ective writing to develo	op engaging and focuse	ed text as demonstrated by:
Writing Elements	PE-9: creating a concluding sentence in a shared writing activity.	E-9: creating a concluding sentence.	B-9: creating an ending that provides a sense of resolution or closure.	LI-9: creating an ending that provides a sense of resolution or closure.	HI-9: creating an ending that provides a sense of resolution or closure.
	PE-10: N/A	E-10: N/A	B-10: N/A	LI-10: using language appropriate to purpose, topic, and audience.	HI-10: using language that expresses sincerity and commitment to the topic.
	PE-11: N/A	E-11: N/A	B-11: N/A	LI-11: using active and passive voice with support.	HI-11: using active and passive voice.
	PE-12: using adjectives in a shared writing activity.	PE-12: using accurate and specific words that convey the intended message.	B-12: using varied, accurate, specific, powerful words and phrases that convey the intended message.	LI-12: using varied, accurate, specific, powerful words and phrases that convey the intended message.	HI-12: using varied, accurate, specific, powerful words and phrases that convey the intended message.
	PE-13: N/A	E-13: N/A	B-13: N/A	LI-13: using figurative language to evoke clear images.	HI-13: using figurative language to evoke clear images.

Elements	The student will inte	The student will integrate elements of effective writing to develop engaging and focused text as demonstrated by:						
	PE-14: using simple sentences in a shared writing activity.	E-14: using simple and compound sentences in a shared writing activity.	B-14: using simple and compound sentences for sentence fluency.	LI-14: using a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound, complex) for sentence fluency.	LI-14: using a variety of sentence structures (i.e., simple, compound, complex) for sentence fluency.			
Writing Ele	PE-15: N/A	E-15: using a variation in sentence beginnings and lengths (including phrases and/or clauses) in a shared writing activity.	B-15: using a variation in sentence beginnings and lengths (including phrases and/or clauses).	LI-15: using a variation in sentence beginnings, lengths, and patterns (including phrases and/or clauses).	HI-15: using a variation in sentence beginnings, lengths, and patterns (including phrases and/or clauses).			

	Standard: The student will demonstrate research skills by using a variety of reference materials to complete a variety of writing tasks.					
	Pre-Emergent	Emergent	Basic	Low Intermediate	High Intermediate	
	The student will den tasks as evidenced		ills by using a variety	of reference materials t	o complete a variety of writing	
Research	PE-1: N/A	E-1: writing a simple report that includes a title, main idea, and supporting details.	B-1: summarizing information from 2-3 resources (i.e., internet, reference materials, newspapers)	LI-1: summarizing and paraphrasing information from 2-3 resources (i.e., internet, reference materials, newspapers) (ss, s)	HI-1: summarizing and paraphrasing information from 2-3 resources (i.e., internet, reference materials, newspapers) (ss, s)	
Rese	PE-2: N/A	E-2: selecting information from one teacherselected source about a teacherselected topic.	B-2: selecting information from more than one teacher-selected source about a teacher-selected topic.	LI-2: locating and evaluating informational sources about a topic.	HI-2: locating and evaluating informational sources about a topic.	
	PE-3: N/A	E-3: organizing notes, with support, on a given topic from one teacherselected source.	B-3: organizing notes, with support, on a given topic from more than one teacher-selected source.	LI-3: organizing notes on a given topic from a variety of sources.	HI-3: organizing notes on a topic from a variety of sources.	

	The student will den tasks as evidenced		ills by using a variety	of reference materials t	o complete a variety of writing
.ch	PE-4: N/A	E-4: summarizing information, from a teacher-selected source, in a written report which includes a topic sentence and three supporting sentences.	B-4: summarizing information, from more than one teacher-selected source, in a written report which includes a topic sentence, at least three supports, and a concluding sentence.	LI-4: summarizing information, from more than one source, in a written report which includes an introduction, supports, examples, and a conclusion.	HI-4: summarizing information, from more than one source, in a written report which includes an introduction, supports, examples, and a conclusion.
Research	PE-5: N/A	E-5: N/A	B-5: N/A	LI-5: paraphrasing information and citing the source.	HI-5: paraphrasing information and citing the source.
	PE-6: N/A	E-6: N/A	B-6: N/A	LI-6: including a works cited, bibliography, or reference page.	HI-6: including a works cited, bibliography, or reference page.
	PE-7: N/A	E-7: producing and presenting a report using technology (i.e., Power Point, interactive whiteboard, etc.).	B-7: producing and presenting a report using technology (i.e., Power Point, interactive whiteboard, etc.).	LI-7: producing and presenting a report using technology (i.e., Power Point, interactive whiteboard, etc.).	HI-7: producing and presenting a report using technology (i.e., Power Point, interactive whiteboard, etc.).